

Briefing Minutes: Coutts Border Protests

Date & Time

2022-02-12 @ 0800hrs

Present:

See the attendance sheet;

UNIT/NAME/AGENCY	UPDATES/NOTES	DD/FOLLOW UP
RCMP SILVER		
C/SUPT. K. KUNETZKI	- Goal we have will be in phases, 1, 2, 3, etc, want to de-escalate and bring positively into phases to keep people calm. Posturing is de-escalating on every angle; - ERT and TAC moved in onto the ambassador bridge this morning, Phase II. People are cooperating and moving except for one truck. Will be serious to find out if information from there will feed back to Coutts today; - We are not preventing supplies to anyone in the community. Will focus on people blockading; - Province is looking at an injunction. Wants to hold off on media pamphlet for the time being; - Any issues with SET going to Marco's church, none identified; - If members are having a hard time writing tickets call in STO to support and back them up or follow up with CCMG to come and meet and discuss; - Insp. Lee Brachmann will be assigned to Bronze command and will be tasked with how we plan on moving vehicles out. Will assemble a team and will look at all resources, toing, charges, logistics on how to do this undertaking. Is forming his team. Identify members.	

INSP. L. MacMILLAN	•	
RCMP BRONZE	•	
INSP. L. BRACHMANN	•	
CBSA	• Nothing of concern, traffic goes to Delbonita, only till 1700hrs today; • Haven't heard anything to an official closure of the border as that comes from Ottawa.	
USCBP	• Preparing for the influx into Sweetgrass today. Have staffing numbers and have pulled from county Sheriffs. Planning is ongoing on location. Extra staff in place and traffic cones and safety. Are looking at using the airfield; • Anticipate if the horseback riders show will go there; • 2.5hrs wait at Delbonita yesterday afternoon and still seeing a lot of traffic, but did see that time go down to an hour, overnight.	
CCMG	• Finished off last night after briefing, went to Smugglers, meet & greet, situational awareness, Mood was ok, friendly, nothing changed and no open hostility; • Brought up a concern about people being followed by a Personal Info. Person, detected a change with Personal that they were with them but not "with" them. Possibly an offshoot "city boys" providing security for the protestors. Person was with a couple of people, photo's obtained. Organized security team; shared with investigation; • Today going to work on supplies transferred through CP10, will escort supplies to try and open up one lane at smugglers intersection. Conversation had with Person. Nothing moved today, quiet at Smugglers; • Was up with Personal Info. Personal, had their meeting with	

	individuals to present their plan for the protestors; • 1000 horses to come today “freedom riders” planning on coming today. Who is the organizer? CT is aware and already have that info; • Will be live music, put on by the MD, will have facilities, live music, food, etc; • 1820hrs last night were headed into Coutts to have a meeting, CCMG to keep contact this morning; • Planning on being at Smugglers today especially when Ottawa. Will meet with Personal; • Have heard that the protestors have significant supplies. Kitchen, hospital, childcare, food, washrooms, etc.	
CIP	• STO will support CP10 resources; • Doing some operations with CPS and walk through the crowd; • Continue planning for the larger plan; • Goal today is to keep the peace at CP10 and continue to work through the site issues.	
GIS/MCU	• Working on plan from yesterday, being more aggressive with RO's and calling them to put pressure on. Making calls to get the vehicles moving. Some movement but they don't want the tractors to be towed; • 0130hrs a man was arrested in MilkRiver for an OD;	
DCAS	• Lots of horse trailers arriving now. Not sure where they are going; • Of note, looking at a potential convoy from Coutts to Ponoka, Personal, Persona announcing the convoy to Edmonton legislator. Unknown who will be in charge of the event; • Personal, posted on Instagram, will be arriving with 100 liters of fuel and water. Has been an agitator in the past and is taking financial donations – Potential officer safety as he does have an active FAC, firearms registered • New attendees follow rules, speed limits, fire safety, etc.	Wants enforcement on Persona. Tasked out to SCB as a priority.

	Some looking for financial support through e-transfers on an email and crypto transfers is happening more now.	
GD	0745, 30 tractor trailer commercial, 23 tractors farm equip, 91 camper/RV's, 218 passenger vehicles, horse trailers are starting and have 3 at CP10; - Mood still pleasant, 4:35min time through the blockade and traffic still moving; 2230 things died down; - Last night a protestor had OD in Milkriver on fentanyl, found 5.56 magazines, no gins in room. Tractor-trailer rig near the front line and known RO. Milkriver may be able to write a SW to get into the vehicle. Vehicle right beside the "Kids at Play" sign; - Might have SCB people to be able to take on this investigation. Follow up with CCMG; 0530 this morning there as a complain of CO2 poisoning at the campsite. Generator running an affected the camper. All occupants are ok and have been cleared by EMS who attended and treated; - Pushing enforcement on safety infractions, trying to do so the GD members were surrounded by protestors and didn't feel safe every time. Being aggressive. 2 tickets near CP14; - Not many vehicles after 2230hrs last night as things started to slow down; - One semi 2052hrs left CP10 last night, info sent to CIP; - Convoy went straight to CP10 and did the rout but that was it; - Night shift members gave an interview to the protestors and its been put onto Facebook. Interview was opinionated but stated it was his pinion and not the RCMP, to be sent home and Detachment OIC to be notified;	Follow up and tasking by SCB

	• Sherriff tickets, 75 RO tickets to be sent out (TSA/UHRR – horn, unregistered, parking on hwy), 8 actual tickets for cargo securement, stop sign, speeding, unauthorized license plate, lights, emergency breakaway cable not connected, 1 arrest for outstanding warrants; • County just announced a fire ban as of NOW.	
SHERIFFS	• 2 prisoner vans staging in Milkeriver, 6 cars available for enforcement that will be there tomorrow, with an additional 2 vans in Lethbridge.	
IBET	• Southbound 14 commercial vehicle, 2 passenger. North 24 commercial vehicles, 2 personal and 2 tractors. Smugglers 7 commercial vehicles, 13 passenger, 16 tractors forming the blockade, 10 RV's. • CP5 33 passenger vehicles, 7 RV's, enclosed trailer is back and will obtain license plate; • Bolsters by 7 LRP Members and will meet with USCBP on the west end of town near the airfield and work with partners; • US partners agreed this will be a peaceful meet and greet but will be ready with enforcement if needed.	
MEDIA	• Lots of info coming on social media saying the police are stopping the supply lines (food, fuel, etc) pleading on social media to bring food and supplies. • Multiple entries on TikTok last night. Overall working on strategies and working on talking points. Most media has been food to deal with; • Pamphlet is being fine tuned.	
CSET TEAM	• Few people meeting, Personal Info. Personal Info. picked up Personal Info. and met with Personal Info. were confident the could convince the that they could open CP10, but less confident this morning that this will happen. They believe that Person is a	

	very spiritual man and that he's doing the will of god. He runs the show and no one is moving until he says so. Perso allowed the horses to stag at the border; • The guy who is organizing the horses, Personal Info. is organizing horses.; • Perso has a new minion, Personal Info. is still there but does not know who Pers is; • Talking about how what they are doing will have a negative effect on the world economic forum. "You are in for one hell of a fight" from Perso. "willing to fight till the end" and willing to go to jail. Believes the church will support what Perso is doing.	Follow up with CIT/Negotiators
STO	• See	
FILE COORDINATING	• Going to start organising and processing the hard copy documents that have been collected thus far, starting with Silver Command; • Set up a scanning center here at CP to do so; • Where do we plan on or do we know where hard copy documents will be stored? KDiv?	

End @ 0840